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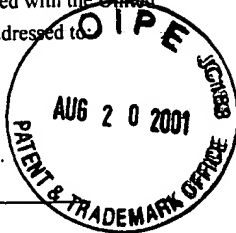
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/708,975

Filed: November 7, 2000

For: METHODS OF DISTRIBUTING
POSTAGE LABEL SHEETS WITH
SECURITY FEATURES

Art Unit: 2161

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, please replace the second paragraph with the following:

AI -- This application claims priority from Application No. 60/216,778, filed July 7, 2000, entitled "A Method and System for Dispensing Postage over the Internet with Enhanced Postal Security Features," the entire disclosure of which, including all attachments and appendices, is incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes. --